GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Norms of Food Safety
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether certain food processing companies in the country are not complying with standards Act by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) keeping with international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise including Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether FSSAI has prepared a report in this regard and submitted its report to the Government for stringent action against such companies, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(d) whether the Government is aware that certain imported items like chocolates, wafers and chips are being sold across the country beyond their expiry dates, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) &(b): Standards for articles of food prescribed under the Food Safety (FSS) Act, 2006 and regulations thereunder, are primarily enforced by the Food Safety Departments of the States/Union Territories. Random sampling and testing of food products, etc. is undertaken by officials of Food Safety Departments of the respective States/UTs to check compliance of standards laid down under the FSS Act, 2006 and Regulations thereunder. In cases, where the food samples are found to be non-conforming to the prescribed standards, recourse is taken to penal provisions under Chapter IX of the FSS Act, 2006. As per the information made available by State/UT Governments to the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), the details of samples collected, tested, found not conforming and action taken during the year 2014-15 are at Annexure.

(c): No such report has been submitted by the FSSAI to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. However, action including penal action as per provisions of FSS Act and Regulations thereunder is taken by the State authorities concerned.

(d): No concrete information in this regard has come to the knowledge of FSSAI.